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On Sale To-day on Second Floor.

## A Splendid Exhibition of Summer Floor Coverings

Vast quantities of Rugs—Imported and Domestic—are concerned in this, the largest and most interesting summer floor-covering exhibit we have ever made. Special low prices are another attractive feature to be enjoyed by those who make selections now.

### Japanese Flat Straw Rugs

This new rug is woven like the American grass rug, but is made of a long flat straw. Very clean and sanitary. Some are stenciled one side only; others with different designs stenciled on each side. We also show them in allover patterns; size 9x12 feet. Those stenciled on one side only, \$9.00. Others are \$10.00.

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These Rugs represent the acme of Summer floor-covering perfection; the warp and weft are heavy, but sanitary. The dye is purely vegetable and waterproof. These are Indian and German modern art designs, which are very attractive. Used for porches, halls, dining rooms, or anywhere that is subjected to the hardest wear.

36x72 inches...\$3.50 6x 9 feet...\$10.00  
48x84 inches...\$5.25 9x12 feet...\$20.00

## Crex The Ideal Floor Covering for All Purposes. Full Lines Here.

"CREX" is noted for its durability, cleanliness, economy and attractiveness. Being very closely and solidly woven it lies compactly on the floor without curling. It does not hold germs or dust, and is absolutely sanitary.

PLAIN CREX RUGS.		FIGURED CREX RUGS	
Size of Rugs.	Price	Size of Rugs	Price
18x36 inches.....	35c	36x72 inches.....	\$12.50
24x48 inches.....	60c	54x90 inches.....	\$25.00
27x54 inches.....	85c	6x 9 feet.....	\$10.00
30x60 inches.....	\$1.00	8x10 feet.....	\$12.50
36x72 inches.....	\$1.25	9x12 feet.....	\$15.00
48x84 inches.....	\$2.50	12x15 feet.....	\$20.00
6x 9 feet.....	\$4.00		
8x10 feet.....	\$6.00		
9x12 feet.....	\$7.50		
12x15 feet.....	\$10.00		
	\$14.50		

CREX RUNNERS.  
Nos. 1006-G, 1011-R, 1010-B  
3-4 width, yard.....40c  
1 yard width, yard.....50c

Third Floor.

## RICHMOND TO HAVE ANOTHER RAILROAD

Tidewater and Western Line Plans to Enter City.

### MAY BRIDGE JAMES RIVER

President Williams Says Road Will Be Raised to Standard Gauge.

Another railroad is to be added to the list of those entering Richmond. The Tidewater and Western Railroad, now operating between Bermuda Hundred, on the James River, and Farmville, Prince Edward county, will extend its track and run trains into Richmond at an early date. Confirmation of the report that a survey is being made to connect the cost of the extension and the best possible route was made last night by President Langborne M. Williams.

The road is at present a narrow gauge, but it will be standardized. The proposed plan is to build a line leading from the Tidewater and Western, at Flat Rock, to Midlothian. From this point it will follow the route of the old horse car line, which in the early days carried coal from the Midlothian fields to the wharf along James River. This route parallels the Midlothian Turnpike and strikes Swansboro at the head of Hull Street. It crosses over to Stockton Street and down that street to the water front.

The Tidewater and Western Railroad Company is operating under an old charter which gives it the privilege of building branch lines, not to exceed fifty miles, whenever it chooses, and so the Stockton Street route is covered in the franchise. That the proposed line will come down this street is almost certain.

Several fine sites for a terminal could be located. It is even rumored that a prominent railroad man has an option on a solid block for this very purpose. Should the company decide to cross the river and enter the city proper, it will, it was said by Mr. Williams, construct its own bridge across James River.

The survey being made by a corps of engineers under R. B. Seymour, is already under way, and will be finished within a very few weeks.

The proposed extension is about twenty miles in length and will pass through a fine farming section, and one that is being rapidly opened to suburbanites. The line can be cheaply constructed. It is said, in fact, for more than half the distance the roadbed has been practically built.

The officers of the Tidewater and Western are: Langborne M. Williams, president; Colonel T. R. M. Talcott, vice-president and general manager; and G. M. Wilson, secretary and treasurer.

## DELAY GRANTED IN DEATH SENTENCE

Respite for Clarence Nixon, to Permit Governor to Look Into New Evidence.

### WANTED IN MASSACHUSETTS

Prisoner Will Be Held for Requisition—Rules Require Certificates on Hog Shipments.

Four weeks more of life was granted yesterday by Governor Mann to Clarence Nixon, colored, who was under sentence of death to-morrow in the electric chair. The reprieve is until May 17.

R. H. Bagby, of Norfolk, appeared at the office of the Governor yesterday with a petition, signed by the ground, asking for clemency on the ground that doubts exist as to the identity of Nixon with the man who committed the crime—criminal assault. The offense occurred in Norfolk county.

The Governor decided to look further into the claim of mistaken identity, and in order to do so, he postponed the execution.

### HELD FOR REQUISITION

Man Wanted in Massachusetts Under Arrest in Petersburg.

Governor Ross, of Massachusetts, on yesterday sent a telegraphic request to Governor Mann that John Stroenider, now in Petersburg, be held for surrender to the Massachusetts authorities. The request was made by the Massachusetts authorities, and the man, who is also known as John Stealing, was kept in jail awaiting the arrival of requisition papers.

The charge is that Stroenider was a party to a conspiracy to defraud one Samuel Battner of \$5,000. A Massachusetts agent will leave Boston to-morrow for Richmond, and the requisition will be honored.

### BAR HOG CHOLERA

Will Prevent Shipment Into State Without Certificates.

State Veterinarian J. G. Fernyhough, at the direction of the Live Stock Sanitary Board, has promulgated new rules requiring that no hogs shall be admitted to this State unless accompanied by certificates from veterinarians that they are free from infected surroundings. The purpose of the regulation is to protect Virginia hogs from infection.

Another regulation is that all hogs sent to slaughter houses must be killed. This is done to prevent the retention of some animals from the slaughter pen which might spread cholera.

### Requisition Issued.

A requisition was issued yesterday by Governor Mann on the Governor of Pennsylvania for James Martin, wanted in Richmond on a charge of selling cocaine, and in custody in Philadelphia. Detective Atkinson took the papers and went for the prisoner.

### Privates Get Leave.

A furlough of four months from April 15 was granted yesterday by Adjutant-General W. W. Sale to Privates Maurice R. Lowenbach and Arthur Atwell, of Company H, First Infantry, at Leesburg.

### Reappointed on Board.

The Governor yesterday reappointed H. S. Arlington, of Norfolk, as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy for five years, beginning March 1, 1912.

### EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS

Committee on Electricity Purchases Supplies for Municipal Plant. Contracts for additional equipment for the municipal electric plant were awarded by the Committee on Electricity last night to the General Electric Company. Among other things, the contracts call for a transformer house, which will cost \$1,250.00; ten street transformers at \$2 each, and seventy-one lamps of the new type. A number of new lights in other parts of the city were recommended by Consulting Engineer Trafford.

Chairman Don Leary appointed a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Jones, Atkinson and Seaton, to take charge of the proposed new plant. Other matters within the scope of the committee which require immediate attention.

A resolution was introduced by John C. Freeman and adopted by the committee, directing the city engineer to ascertain and report the cost of replacing the east gates of the Richmond dock recently acquired from the T. R. M. Talcott. The resolution stated that the repair of the gates is needed to accommodate shipping, which, under present conditions, is kept from making use of the dock.

### Wanted in Oxford for Assem.

Chief of Police Werner yesterday received instructions from the authorities of Oxford, N. C., to hold Robert Lee Allen, colored, who was arrested here Tuesday by Detective Sergeant Wren Allen is said to be wanted in North Carolina on a charge of arson. An officer will probably arrive for him today.

### Soldiers at Memorial.

Orders issued last night by Major Lawrence T. Price cover the details of the Regiment in the approaching memorial exercises. There will be no battalion formation for the Oxford Memorial on May 11. The exercises will be held at one and one more provisional companies will be formed. There will be battalion formation for the company commanders on May 20, and the first men attend. The uniforms are to be worn on both occasions.

## APPEAL TO PUBLIC FOR PROMPT AID

Governor Mann Tells People of Virginia of Flood District Conditions.

### MANY THOUSANDS HELPLESS

Need Is Great and Urgent. Taft Urges Virginia to Help.

At the request of President Taft, Governor William Hodges Mann issued last night an appeal to the people of Virginia to contribute promptly and liberally to the needs of the people in the flood districts of the lower Mississippi. Fully 25,000 persons, he says, are homeless and dependent upon others. Mr. Taft, who is president of the American Red Cross Society, issues his appeal through the press to the country in the name of that organization. He calls attention to the situation as it will be when the waters recede, and the families return to their homes to find all their personal belongings, and all their means of making a living from the land, destroyed.

### Text of Proclamation.

Following is the Governor's proclamation: To the People of Virginia: I have just received a telegram from His Excellency, William H. Taft, president of the American Red Cross, stating that conditions of distress resulting from the flood in the lower Mississippi Valley have assumed such intensity and magnitude as to require him to give information of the facts to the people of the United States, to the end that their sympathy may be expressed in substantial form.

Fully 25,000 of our people are now homeless and dependent upon their more fortunate fellow-citizens for shelter and food, and while the resources of the army are being freely used, they will not be more than adequate to meet these conditions.

Many thousands will return to their farms to find their homes, furniture, farm animals and food supply swept away, and be confronted with conditions threatening health and life. To meet these conditions is a task beyond the resources now at the command of the Red Cross.

Therefore, as president of the Virginia Red Cross, I earnestly request the people of Virginia to contribute liberally and promptly in order that the needs of our suffering fellow-citizens may be met, the threatened danger to their health overcome, and they be able to make a crop for the support of themselves and their families.

Colonel Thomas H. McDaniels, in charge of Virginia Red Cross, Richmond.

WILLIAM HODGES MANN, President, Virginia Red Cross.

### President's Appeal.

The appeal made by the President, addressed to the Governor, is as follows: "Conditions of distress resulting from the flood in the lower Mississippi Valley have assumed such intensity and magnitude that it has become my duty as president of the American Red Cross to make known the facts as given to the press to-day in order that the people of the United States may express their sympathy in substantial form."

Fully 25,000 persons are now homeless and dependent on the generosity of the country for food and shelter, and the number is steadily increasing. The army is doing everything possible to provide shelter and food to meet the immediate emergency. But the equally important task of conducting the relief camps, maintaining health and restoring the flood refugees to their homes under conditions which will enable them to return to normal conditions of life rests upon the local authorities and the Red Cross.

Referring to the probability of the spread of contagious diseases, President Taft concludes: "If you, as president of your State Red Cross Board, see fit to supplement this publication by promulgating such regulations as you see fit, the force of the appeal will be greatly strengthened."

## KIRMESS NETS \$4,000 PROFIT

### Polo Dance Is Voted the Best of the Many Excellent Productions.

Months of indefatigable exertion and assiduous labor, by which the finished product of the Kirmess dancers was produced, received its reward at the box office. Approximately \$4,000 was cleared for the Associated Charities and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities by the Kirmess. The expenses of \$2,000 had been counted out. These figures, while approximate, are thought to be fairly accurate. The total receipts were divided out as follows:

First performance.....	\$1,020.00
Second performance.....	1,200.00
Matinee.....	900.00
Last performance.....	1,300.00
Voting for dances.....	571.10
Total.....	\$5,291.10

The expenses approximately were \$200 for rent of Academy of Music, \$200 for bill posters, \$200 for advertising, \$1,000 for training, making a total of \$2,400. The money netted by the sale of candy, elegances and flowers during the performances, the net result of the Kirmess was clear \$500. In the expenses the hire of the orchestra for the four shows was not counted, but this amount is not known. Sales of the Kirmess Bulletin amounted to \$1,600, but the cost of publishing ate a large hole in this sum.

By decree of the voters, the graceful, winsome dancers in the Polo number were acclaimed the most popular. Total votes received by the dances were: Polo, 1,115; Locomotive Girls and Chippies, 2,638; all others, 1,595; total votes, 5,711. Votes were cast at 10 cents each.

Arrested at Kirmess. For insulting women and disorderly conduct in the Academy of Music last night while attending the performance of the Kirmess, W. F. Crook, thirty-three years old, was arrested by Officers Reid and Garry. He was taken to the Second Police station, and will be given a hearing this morning in court.

## Golf Suits---Norfolk Suits

with Knickerbockers and Long Trousers; comfort on the links and in town. Also Golf Hats, Gloves and Hosiery. Shirts in flannel, silk and madras, with collars to match.

## Gans-Rady Company

## BUSINESS DRESS AT DOLLAR DINNER

Good Time Promised, and Speeches Limited to Ten Minutes.

"Wear Business Dress," Committee.

At the tap of seven to-night 1,200 Richmonders representing every profession and industry, will sit down to eat and sup to the toast, "Business is Good." The occasion will be the "Greater Richmond Dollar Dinner," preparations for which have been in progress for weeks. Tickets which have been on sale for the past ten days make certain that at least 1,200 will be present with the probability that a considerable number will secure accommodations to-day. Caterer Chevalier is prepared to serve 1,500.

Not even the shadow of the greatest marine disaster of modern times will stem the tide of good cheer. Catastrophes have oppressed the world before, have momentarily halted its progress, but the living have always shouldered the burden and overcome the handicap, so, while the thousand and more business men of this city will permit their thoughts occasionally to wander to New York, where an anxious multitude will be watching for the arrival of the Carolina, with her precious human freight, they will nevertheless cheerfully join in the great occasion which brought them together.

A Civic Event. The dinner will be a civic event in the best sense of the word. It is a business and in the professions will forget their private interests to join an army of men of industry banded together for their own free will to work for the common good of their common city.

In the history of the city the dinner stands unique. Not only has there never been held in Richmond a dinner at which so many of the city's representative men were guests, but never before have the united business organizations of the city planned a dinner which should include in its participants members of every industry and profession and officials of the city government. Its cordiality in this respect will make the Dollar Dinner a worthy successor to the civic celebration of January 2.

### Speeches Will Be Short.

An inveterate talker will be cautioned against speeches lasting more than ten minutes. On this point the arrangement committee is agreed. An address that requires more than ten minutes to make its point, the committee holds, is out of place at a meeting of business men, and belongs properly to the Congressional Record.

The official program lists ten speakers, who will discuss as many different topics. The city's railroad, water transportation, highway, educational, labor, banking and political problems will all receive attention. John Stewart Bryan will be the toastmaster, and the talks will be made by T. M. Carington, W. D. Duke, Henry W. Anderson, Mayor D. C. Richardson, Leon Walderstein, O. J. Sands, Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, Thomas H. McDaniels, J. J. Creamer and Ashton Starke.

### Music to Be Feature.

Realizing that a crowd of happy business men gathered for an evening of good cheer no less than serious discussion, will be in no mood for Chopin and Liszt, the arrangements committee has provided a musical program which will require a minimum of mental strain and generate a maximum of good feeling. Kessnick's municipal band will be on the job, and will be assisted by H. (Doc) Zarow, baritone, who entertained thousands at the State Fair last October with solo before the grandstand.

But a dinner suggests primarily something to eat, and food there will be in plenty. For Louis Chevalier, of the Maison Francaise, has evolved the most inviting layout that has ever gone under the hammer for a single wheel. The repertoire begins with oysters and ends with cigars, and includes an abundance of real food between.

### AMERICAN ARMY REPORTED

Adjutant Packham Said to Have Held Street Services Without Permit.

W. R. Packham, adjutant of the American Salvation Army, here yesterday reported that he had been ordered by the police to hold services in the street without a permit from the Mayor. He will be summoned to Police Court to show why he should not be punished for violating the city ordinance.

Several days ago Packham made application to Mayor Richardson for a permit to solicit alms and hold street meetings. It was refused and the Police Department was instructed to that effect. At that time it was understood that Packham intended to make a test of the new law.

The specific report against him is that he conducted services at May and Franklin Streets last Tuesday night.

## Send Your Silk Shirts to the "Royal" First

And if we shrink or fade them, we'll replace them. That's how much confidence we have in our ability to please.

Monroe 1958 or 1959.

The Royal Laundry  
M. B. FLORESHEIM, Proprietor.  
311 North Seventh Street.

## MANY COMPANIES RESENT ATTACK LIABLE TO FINE ON RAILROAD

More Than 400 Corporations Have Not Returned Taxes for 1911. Failure to Act on Monument Avenue Plans Due to Green's Negligence.

More than 400 Virginia corporations have so far failed to make their corporation tax returns for the year ending December 31, 1911, and are now liable to fines of \$1,000, and further prosecution. A large percentage of the delinquent firms are big corporations, most of them located in Richmond and Norfolk.

"Under the law," said Deputy Collector Thomas P. Manly, "March 1 was the last day upon which to make returns. We are instructed by the department to proceed with the prosecution of the delinquents when our efforts to collect the taxes through the regular channels have failed. The district attorney has already been instructed to take steps towards the enforcement of the law on this score." The delinquents represent about 10 per cent. of the total number of corporations in the State. The large insurance and railroad corporations invariably settle within the limits fixed by law, and are not represented in the list of those which have failed to make returns.

**THE SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND**  
417 E. MAIN ST.  
Progressive and liberal has always been our standard. We shall continue on these lines. One Dollar starts an account.  
**UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY**

Members of the Council Committee on Streets say that there is no foundation for the attack on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad in an interview given out by T. Francis Green, a real estate agent, yesterday.

Mr. Green has twice come before the Street Committee and proposed to extend Monument Avenue in a straight line from the city to the river, his offer being that if the city would pay W. S. Forbes \$15,000 for the right of way of certain streets through his tract lying at the present head of Monument Avenue, at the Rosebush Road, he (Mr. Green) would secure the donation of the other land needed. It is believed that there was nothing tangible before the committee on which it could act save Mr. Green's verbal statement. Mr. Forbes, who was present at the meeting, had never seen the deed proposed to convey part of his property, and could not be assured whether he would accept it. Nor was Mr. Green ready to present the release of the other property owners in writing.

Mr. Duke, speaking for the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, remarked that Mr. Green had secured no release through the railroad property, and raised the question about crossing the Belt Line tracks, saying the road would oppose a crossing at that point. Since none of the points had been considered, all papers were referred to a subcommittee to consult Mr. Green, Mr. Forbes and others and bring in a report on which the committee could act.

Estimated Air Line Earnings.  
The approximate gross earnings of the Richmond Air Line Railway for the first quarter of 1912, for the period from July 1 to April 1, were \$12,225.25, an increase of \$1,225.25 over the same period of the first quarter of 1911. Gross earnings were \$12,225.25, an increase of \$1,225.25.

## "Work for Richmond"

The dinner in the Blues' Armory to-night will show that the Civic Co-operative Organization has gained great impetus in enthusiasm and unity of purpose since the second day in January, when our business men "Marched for Richmond" four thousand strong.

Richmond is going to be a great city. Already the spirit is ours and the purpose. Results will follow where such efforts lead.

What is true of civic development applies to YOU personally.

## The American National Bank

OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA,  
will co-operate with YOU in working for YOURSELF. We want a chance to help YOU MAKE THE EFFORT and SEE THE RESULTS. Work for you will mean  
**WORK FOR RICHMOND.**